



# Press Release

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**On: MARCH AGRICULTURAL SURVEY**

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AUSTIN . . . In 2003 Texas producers planted 5.62 million acres of cotton, 3.20 million acres of sorghum and 1.83 million acres of corn. They also harvested 3.45 million acres of wheat and 5.24 million acres of all hay. How much will be planted and harvested in 2004, and how will it compare to last year's acreage?

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is preparing to gather information on crop intentions for the 2004 season. The upcoming March Agricultural Survey will collect crop acreage planted and to be planted, and the quantity of grains stored on farms.

About 4,800 Texas producers are being asked to take part in this survey. Selected producers will be called or personally visited by an interviewer from February 29 to March 12, 2004. State and National survey results will be available in the "2004 Prospective Plantings" report from the National Agricultural Statistic Service on March 31, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time at <http://www.usda.gov/nass>. The results will also be printed in the "Texas Agricultural Facts" publication.

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